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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment***

1. The reply filed on February 10, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). See 37 CFR 1.111.

This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825, because the sequences set forth in new Figures 2C-2E (added February 10, 2003) are not described by a sequence identifier, either in the figures themselves or in a description thereof (see 37 CFR § 1.821(d)). Appropriate corrections for compliance are required.

Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

***Conclusion***

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Direct the reply to the undersigned.

3. With regard to the Status Request filed June 2, 2004, the examiner regrets the delay in notifying Applicant of the need to comply with the Sequence Rules prior to further action being taken. Upon filing a response to the instant Notice, **Applicant's representative is encouraged to contact the examiner** at the number listed below to

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inform the examiner that a response has been filed, such that the instant Application may be taken up immediately for further action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diana B. Johannsen whose telephone number is 571/272-0744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones can be reached at 571/272-0745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana B. Johannsen", followed by a long horizontal line.

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June 14, 2004